**9th Grade Civics Curriculum Map (2011-2012)**

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| Unit | Federal Government | State and Local Government | World Affairs |
| Concept | Systems | Responsibility | Systems  Relationships |
| Big Idea | Societies form a system of government to manage political and societal life. | Citizenship in a political system provides the ability to exercise duties, responsibilities and privileges as a functional act of political and societal behaviors. | Relationships between governments are interdependent and economically connected. |
| Case Studies | Origins of government  -Historical background  -Systems of political thought  Structure and function of government  -Constitution  -Amendments/Bill of Rights  Branches of government  -Legislative  -Judicial  -Executive  Politics, Media & Elections  Federalism | State Government  Local Government  Rights, Responsibilities and Community Service  Civic Participation (CHANGE PROJECT)  -Initiative  -Referendum  -Recall  -Petition | Systems of world government  -Fascism  -Communism  -Socialism  -Totalitarianism  -Dictatorship  US/World Relations  -Foreign Policy  World Organizations  -UN  -NATO  -Peace Corps  -World Health Organization  -Red Cross  US/World/Organizational connection |
| Essential Questions | How do societies form a system of government to manage political life?  How does the formation of political systems effect societies today?  What are my rights as a citizen under the United States Constitution?  Why do we have a system of checks and balances? | Why is it important to be civically responsible?  How can I influence or change my community? | How do various systems of government evolve or affect you?  How does the United States interact with various world powers? |
| Resources | Civics Book  Constitution  Internet  Media Sources  Primary/Secondary sources  The Road to the White House-William and Mary | Civics Book  Constitution  Internet  Media Sources | Civics Book  Constitution  Internet  Media Sources  Primary/Secondary sources  Francis Fukuyama-The End of History |
| Essential Vocabulary | Government  Legislative Branch  Judicial Branch  Executive Branch  Federalism  Bill of Rights  Constitution  Federal Court Systems  Political Ideology  Justice | State Government  Local Government  Branches of Government  Initiative  Referendum  Recall  Petition  Rights  Responsibilities  Duties  Participation  Civic Action  Justice | Fascism  Communism  Socialism  Totalitarianism  Dictatorship  Foreign Policy  United Nations  NATO  Peace Corps  World Health Organization  Red Cross  Relationship |